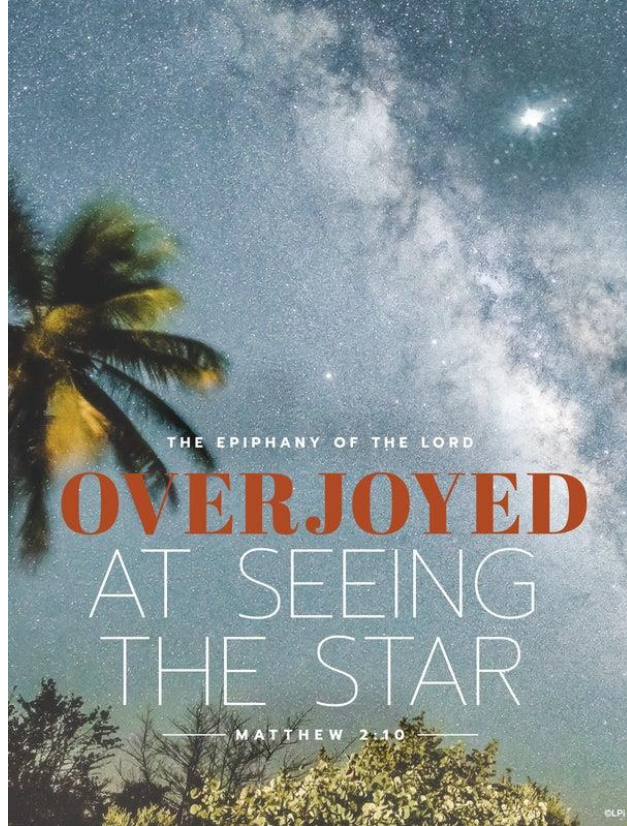


Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



Please save your Christmas Cards
for next year's Giving Tree.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Wednesday,
February 7th at 6:00 pm at St. Isaac Jogues Parish
Center.

Inspiration of the Week: Though the magi did
not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead,
they trusted that God would be with them along
the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we
go about the journey God has planned for us this
year.

When School is delayed
or cancelled, weekday morning.
Mass is CANCELLED!

As well as the Rosary & Holy Hour.
We will notify you through FlockNotes.
Please check even if there is a little bit of snow.

Blessed Sacrament

Intentions: Please call Rita Whitney at
518-338-6858.

1/7 10:30 Theresa O'Kane

Req. Denise & Steve Arata

1/14 10:30 For the Intention of the Lanning Family

Req. Ellie & Tom Torebka

Prayer Intentions: Please call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765

Offertory: to be announced next week.

St. Anne's Society: (Patron Saint of
Grandmothers): The next package will go out
February 9th. Please let us know if your young adult
or someone you know would like to receive a care
package from this Ministry. Anne Marie Bell-518-
644-3051

Envelopes: Unfortunately, they will not be shipped
till January 12th. Please use the generic envelopes
that have been provided at all the exits.

Collection: for next week, January 14th will be for
insurance.

Coffee Hour: will be Sunday, January 21st after
Mass.

St. James

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

1/6 5:30 pm Jason Smith *req. Karen Smith*

Offertory: To be announced next week.

Parish State of Affairs Letter: will be distributed
and mailed this weekend.

Town Wide Meeting: January 14th at 2 pm in the
church. At that meeting our Episcopal Vicar,
Fr. Joe Bush, the director of Pastoral Planning,
Tom Cronin, and Fr. John will be there to answer
any questions you might have.

North Country Ministry

Shelf Stable Food Donations: We will continue to
collect for our food insecure friends and neighbors
for *Adirondack Community Outreach*. A
check/cash donation box is also available. Thank
you again for your generosity.

NCM Food Pantry: We are collecting for the
Food Pantry for Blessed Sacrament & St. Isaac
Jogues. There is a bin at the back of church in
which you can place your items for donation.

St. Isaac Jogues

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy
DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

1/6 4 pm Theresa O'Kane *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

1/6 4 pm For Good Health & Healing for

Phyllis Thomas *Req. Michele & Bill Ryan*

1/13 4 pm Andy McTague *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

Offertory: To be announced next week.

Italian Night: Saturday, January 26th after the
4:00 pm Mass. Sign up for your favorite Italian
dish or dessert in the Narthex. All those who would
like to help please join us for a committee meeting,
Tuesday, January 16th at 4:30 pm in the parish
center.

Recognizing God in our Ordinary Moments

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I
ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me
growing up, but there was something about her gifts
to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it
was that after several years I still was surprised that
she would think enough of me to get me something
no one else would. She was able to make me feel
special every time. Of course, I believe she honored
me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift
to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in
this world. She passed away over a decade ago due
to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts
to me remain, while others are long gone. But the
memories and the effect of those gifts remain
because it was never all about the gifts themselves.
It was about relationship. It was about her and me.
It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift
itself. It is about the motivation behind the action
and the effect that action has on the body of Christ.
Many of the gifts we give today to God and his
people will fade away like the mist of the early
morning, but the effects of those actions will last
forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and
us. It is about love. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Diocesan Assessment Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal has begun! Why should you
tribute?

Support of the parish and the greater Church is the
responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.

- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for
the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself –
rather it is a key mission and logistics
partner/resource for our parish allowing us to
focus on ministry.
- It's the expectation that the church is here to
serve you and your family in your everyday
and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there
are costs associated with that, but if we ALL
share the costs, the individual burden is less
AND we are more likely to be able to fund
the church beyond its needs and toward our
wants.
- It is gratifying to know that support of the
Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes
in the Diocese – that is powerful!

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the
impact on society is evident. It is not enough to
quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us,
who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing
people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and
bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way
of life. Let us join together and rebuild our local and
regional Catholic Church – support our parish
offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

To make your gift:

- Please reply to the Appeal mailing you
received at home;
- Make your gift online at
www.thediocesanappeal.org;
- Or mail a check payable to "Diocesan
Appeal" to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY
12203.

TIP: Have you decided you are going to make a gift
but you're not ready to make the payment now?

Consider a pledge! You can spread out your
payments through June 30, 2024, or delay payments
until 2024 (payable by 6/30/2024 *and* you avoid
multiple solicitations! You allow us to then focus on
those who have not yet made a commitment to
supporting our Diocesan Appeal Goal!

St. James' Assessment is \$5,000

St. Isaac Jogues' Assessment is \$18,357

Bl. Sacraments' Assessment is \$31,043